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Governor Sisolak lifts mask mandate in Nevada

CARSON CITY, NV – Today, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak announced that effective immediately, the State's mask mandate has been lifted.

"Just like vaccines, masks are still a great tool we have to slow the spread of the virus. I expect going forward to still see Nevadans and visitors occasionally utilizing masks when they are out in public," **said Gov. Sisolak.** "The State will no longer require masks in public places, but employers and organizations, including school districts, may set their own policies, and I encourage them to work with their employees and communities to ensure that policies are in place."

Masks will no longer be required in public places, but there are locations where Nevadans and visitors may still be asked to wear a mask.

Masks and protective equipment requirements in facilities serving vulnerable populations - like hospitals, clinics and long-term care facilities - will be overseen at the direction of the Department of Health and Human Services. The safety of health care staff and patients remain the top priority.

Also, federally, masks are still mandated in airports, on planes and on public buses and school buses.

Teachers and schools will no longer be required to wear masks, but school districts will need to work with their local health authorities to have plans in

place to manage and respond to outbreaks. Masks will stay on through the school day today, so families can have a conversation together.

More guidance is available <u>here.</u>

The emergency directive is available <u>here.</u>